



Thursday, June 10, 2004

Board approves MBH gift, contracts, business plan

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As part of the plan, Unique Restaurant Corporation will assist the hall in expanding its sales and marketing efforts and enhancing customer service and food service operation. The plan also includes operational changes to the hall including:

- purchasing and installing a new 500-person tent that will be functional 12 months per year;
- constructing an adjacent out-building to house a preparatory service kitchen and restrooms;
- purchasing necessary furnishings, supplies and equipment.

The board also approved the general fund budget and tuition and fee rate increase for fiscal year 2005. With this proposal, tuition and fee rates would increase 2.4 percent for undergraduates, but is contingent upon the State of Michigan restoring 3 percent of Oakland University's appropriation from fiscal year 2004 and imposing no further cuts in OU's state appropriation for fiscal year 2005. The board will reconsider the fiscal year 2005 tuition and fee rates if these contingencies do not occur.

Other board action:

- The board approved resolutions honoring Rhonda Hanna and Lenwood Compton, outgoing student liaisons to the Oakland University Board of Trustees.
- The board approved authorization to execute agreement for solid waste disposal services.

Items that were approved in the consent agenda include:

- minutes of the formal meeting of April 7, 2004;
- university personnel actions;
- recommendation of final undergraduate and graduate school reports dated Dec. 16, 2003;
- recommendation to accept gifts to Oakland University and the Oakland University Foundation for the period of March 1 through April 30, 200, and grants and contracts to Oakland University for the period of March 1 through April 30, 2004;
- Meadow Brook subdivision financing guarantee;
- Proposed revisions to the constitution of the library;
- Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund proposal for 2004-05;
- 2004-2005 Oakland University Board of Trustee meeting dates.

The next board meeting, a working session, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

For more information on the board, visit the **Board of Trustees** Web site.

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